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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF INVESTMENT AND FREE ZONES AUTHORITY

1. DURING RECENT CALL ON INVESTMENT AND FREE ZONES AUTHORITY, EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY DR. GAMAL EL SAHRAWI THAT HE HAD BECME UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE AND GENERAL MANAGER OF FREE ZONES ON FEB 1, REPLACING AHMED RUSHDI EL SAHN WHO RETIRED. PRIO TO ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION, EL SAHRAWI AWAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OFFICE OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY. EL SAHRAWI APPEARS TO BE ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS VERY PERSONABLE. HE EVINCES AN AWARENESS OF AND APPRECIATION FOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY FOREIGN FIRMS SEEKING TO INVEST IN EGYPT. EL SAHRAWI IS, HOWEVER, VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN TO EMB.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL DISCUSS REORGANIZATION OF AUTHORITY AIMED AT RATIONALIZATION OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO MORE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT OPEN DOOR POLICY AT MEETING LATER IN MONTH.  
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